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RABORN TESTIFIES—Adm. William F. Raborn, director of Central Intelligence Agency, points to Southeast Asia map before testifying to Foreign Relations Committee.
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Senators Complain CIA Briefing Was Far Too Hush-Hush

Exclusive to The Times from a Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee reviewed world trouble spots Friday with Rear Adm. William F. Raborn, (ret.) director of the Central Intelligence Agency, but members complained they were short-changed.

"Not only did he not tell us anything, but if he did, I could not tell you," the committee's chairman, Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), told reporters after the closely guarded three-hour briefing.

Fulbright said Raborn conceded under questioning that he makes fuller disclosures in his periodic conferences with senior members of the Appropriations and Armed Services Committees of both houses who make up the only congressional watchdog committee for the CIA.

Criticism From McCarthy

The same point brought criticism from Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), another committee member. McCarthy has sponsored a resolution proposing a Foreign Relations Committee study of the CIA to see if congressional supervision of the worldwide agency should be altered.

"This agency's operations have a great bearing on foreign policy," McCarthy told reporters after the Raborn briefing. "The minimum we ought to ask is that at least a few people from this committee be allowed to sit in with the watchdog committee."

McCarthy said he considered his resolution only incidental to achievement of this goal.

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